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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS RUN OFF ELECTION-JUNE 20, 2009

This is to announce the **Official** results of the June 20, 2009, Run Off election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Governor: (2 Year Term)

Scott Miller ____ 165 ____ Votes

George Blanchard ____ 192 ____ Votes

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George Blanchard
Governor



Dan Little Axe Sr.
Lt. Governor



Alecia Onzawah
Representative



Michelle Lopez
Secretary



Anita Chisholm
Treasurer

Secretary's Report

Hello Tribal members I would like to give you a brief update on what is going on here at the tribe under the Tribal secretary's office.

We the Executive Committee are working on so major plans for Tecumseh Square and will keep you updated on the plans as we progress however, due to major problems we will not be renting this location out for some time until the problems are solved.

I recently attended a AARP meeting held at the OBU campus. It was very informative and I would like to share some information with you about AARP. Did you know that there is a Driver's Safety Program. The course is the nation's first and largest classroom driver refresher course specially designed for drivers age 50 and older although it can be taken by any licensed driver at any age. This can also help reduce your auto insurance rates. Along with this program they offer the WorkSearch program that helps connect job seekers to viable community job opportunities.

You may volunteer to help with preparing taxes with being certified through IRS. They also have an American Indian Advisory Committee who help formulate plans to reach Indians throughout the state and interact with tribal governments on issues related to older Oklahomans. I will be setting up a meeting with one or several reps to come and speak to our elders in the near future so please come and listen to what they have to say. Will keep you posted on when and where. If you would like more information just log on to AARP.org.

On June 2, 2009. I attended a OIGA meeting held at the Grand Casino on some major issues that may affect gaming in Indian country. Was a very informative meeting. One of the topics was the hearing on Carcieri v. Salazar; this is a major issue for over 90 tribes. This decision could impact the Department of Interior's authority to take land into trust for tribes. We will keep you updated on this major issue.

On June 18th Myself and Representative Onzawah attended a Water Rights meeting at Catoosa and this was a very interesting meeting to all Tribes. Met with several lawyers and several Tribal Leaders on how tribes need to come up with their own Tribal Water Plan. This is a major issue for all tribes. The basis for managing and protecting tribal water resources requires Indian tribes to evaluate their specific legal histories, existing water users and uses while identifying current and future tribal needs. We will keep you informed on this important issue.

Due to the resignation of our former Media director, I have made some changes in the Media department. We have a new supervisor, Karen Brewer, a new Media director, Allie Stone, and a new graphic designer, Adrian Blanco. I would like to welcome them to their new positions and hopefully we will start getting this up and running like it should be and get it opened to the public. If you had submitted any articles to be placed in the newsletters please resubmit it to <mailto:astone@astribes.com>.

Enrollment department is continuing to update their files and preserve them on disk so that we may have back up in case of disaster so if you have had any changes or would like to update your file please contact Larry Buckley or Darrell Larney in the Enrollment office and they will be happy to assist you.

Congratulations to all 2009 seniors and I hope that you fulfill your dreams by continuing your education. Good luck in all endeavors.

Treasurer's Report- May/June 2009

I can't believe it is already Spring. Where did the time go? It is time to plant flowers and vegetables for our gardens. I enjoy seeing all the trees bloom. It seems people get energized during this time as well. I hope you were able to attend the April 4, 2009 General Council Meeting. We had a lot of good discussions about tribal issues. All comments were welcome. I think I always learn more about myself

when I hear the opinions of others. I take those opinions to heart and reexamine myself periodically. The Executive Council needs to be aware of all the issues you have as citizens of the Tribe. Please always feel free to voice your opinions at the meetings or by telephone or e-mail. Also, please leave your name and telephone number when you call. With that information I can call you back and address your issues. Thank you.

The Finance department has been very busy this month. Please see the reports by the Controller, Patricia Buckley and by Briana Ponkilla on the Constitution Revision. But in brief here are a few of the accomplishments achieved this month:

1) Since we have completed our first fiscal quarter. The Treasurer's office is revisiting all the budgets of the tribe to make sure they are still on target for their expenditures. Sheila Harjo, Budget Analyst, meets with our office and we discuss all the budgets and then she in turn works closely with all program directors. Modifies budgets as needed. All departments and the E. C. receive their budgets on a regular basis. In order for all of us to stay on target with our expenditures we all need to know on a monthly basis where our budgets are.

2) The '08 AS Tribe audit continues and should be completed soon.

3) The Casino audit for '08 is completed with no findings. The E.C., will be meeting with the management to go over the audit in detail. The E.C., finance and the Tax Commission will be meeting with the manager at the casino on June 16 to go over the audit and the financials for the month. This will be an on going meeting with all entities.

4) The AllNations Bank audit for '08 is completed with no findings. Our office continues work to expand our bank's growth. With the slow economy in the banking business our efforts have been held back a bit. We hope to see growth in the near future in this area.

5) Our office is working with the Human Resource Office and has set up an employee committee to revamp the current employee handbook. We have had two meetings and have a goal of completion set for December '09. The good thing about having employees involved in this process is that we have input from those people who use the manual on an everyday bases. They would know better what works and what doesn't work.

6) In April we had a month of observing Child Abuse Month at the tribal complex. This is a nation wide effort to bring attention to children who are abused. I was one of the keynote speakers at this special day set aside to recognize and acknowledge this very important issue. This is an initiative close to my heart. I want all our children to be loved, honored and respected.

Child abuse of any type of abuse is not the Indian way. We have combined our news into the April/May newsletter. If you have questions or concerns, please call my office 405-275-4030 ex 118.

Finance

The Finance Offices continues to make progress in getting the day to day activities to flow more efficiently and effectively. Through communications between our offices and the Programs, we try to find the best efficient way to make the systems work. As long as the Finance Offices and the Programs continue to work as a team we will have all our systems running more smoothly.

Our 2008 audit continues to progress. The 2007 audit was a little rushed in order to meet the September 2008 deadline. However, we are a head of schedule this year. The auditors are able to perform a more in depth analysis of our major programs (his, BIA, Childcare, HUD), suggesting changes in our policy and procedures, and overall guidance in our operations. One of the changes being made in the very near future is having Procurement take over Travel. If we can get the policy and procedures lined out, we are hoping that it will be a better experience for those traveling.

The 2010 Indirect Cost Proposal is in process of being compiled by our consultant. Once we have our 2008 audit completed, the Indirect Cost Proposal can be wrapped up and submitted by the June deadline.

The Treasurer has requested the Finance, Human Resources, MIS, and Procurement update our policy and procedures and set a deadline for completion. This will be beneficial in ascertaining more accurately the proper procedures to be followed.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please call: Patricia Buckley, Controller 405-275-4030 Ext. 175 or Assistant Controller, Belinda Collins 405-275-4030, Ext. 162.

Ho! Hi gi ke ya fa ho wa se li si mi mo?

I want to thank all of you who have supported me during the Governor's race. I hope you continue to support the tribe's progression and the projects that were started within the past year during my administration. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who supported me during my tenure as an elected official for our tribe. It has been a true learning experience and it has been an absolute honor representing the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Our tribe has gone through some very tough times during the past few years, but as Shawnees always do, we have overcome the adversities we faced and managed to move forward with progress. For the first time in several years, we have the opportunity to better our own health facilities and improve our health care. This opportunity was created with the hard work of several individuals dedicated to the betterment of the tribe, and I want to thank all of the health care program employees for all of their hard work that they do on a day-to-day basis.

Thunderbird Casino has also overcome its own adversity and is on stable footing for the first time in several years. This could not have happened without the dedication and hard work of the employees and especially the co-general managers that believed in the viability of Thunderbird. I am thankful for all the hard work that has been done. I also want to thank the employees of the Gaming Commission as well for their regulatory work.

It is also a pleasure to see the new childcare center getting close to completion. This is a project that has been planned for several years and is now becoming a reality in August 2009. Thanks to all the dedicated employees and individuals who are working with the childcare grant and especially the employees working with our children.

We have seen a vast improvement in our police department over the past year. Now more than ever, outside law enforcement agencies are willing to work along side our officers in making sure our tribal citizens are safe. The dedication of our officers can be seen through the efforts of constantly searching for alternative funding sources and creating partnerships to better the police coverage.

Lastly, but definitely not least, the Executive Committee members. . . I believe that we have demonstrated that it is possible we can come together for the common good and goals for the Tribe and work together. We have learned not only from each others' knowledge and experiences, but about each of us as individuals. It has been an experience for which I am truly grateful.

I would like to welcome our new Governor and wish him well in office. It is my sincerest hopes that our tribe continues the progress we have made in such a short time. Again, I thank everyone for your hard work, support and dedication to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Ne Yi Wa!!! Si li no ke ka no la!
Scott Miller



Constitution Revision Committee

The Constitution Revision Committee met in April and May. We are currently in the processes of trying to decide how the Legislative body of the Tribe will be set up in the new Constitution. One of the main decisions that need to be determined is the districts and the number of representatives these districts will have. Also, how we see the meetings being set up and what roles and duties these representatives have and how this new branch will interact with the current branches. Once we get this branch in place and we will be able to move on the other Articles that need to be revised. I will try to send out emails as well and if you would like to be included in this list please email me or call me with our email address. The June meeting will be held on June 13th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Little Axe Resource Center. The July meeting will be July 11th starting at 9am. We would like to have a longer meeting, but it is not mandatory that you stay the entire time; any participation would be helpful. If you have any questions or comments please fill free to contact me, Briana Ponkilla at bponkilla@astribe.com or (405) 275-4030. Thank you!

AST Employee Picnic Friday, June 19, 2009



On Friday, June 19, 2009 the annual AST employee picnic was held at Tecumseh Lake. There were approximately 120 tribal employees in attendance as the tribal offices closed at noon on that day. The purpose and reason to have the employee picnic is to build and maintain morale among the employees as well as to show appreciation to all the employees for their hard work, dedication and service to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe as well as to the tribal citizens. These same sentiments were later voiced and echoed by members of the Executive Committee who were also present at the employee picnic. The afternoon lunch was provided for the most part by the AST Employee Committee with the tribal program departments supplying paper goods, drinks and desserts. The AST Employee Committee wishes to thank Randy Edge and Jackie Denny for volunteering to work the grill and preparing the hamburgers and hotdogs for all the employees. The remaining of the afternoon was filled with various games and activities sponsored and provided by the AST Employee Committee and the AST Community Health and Prevention Department which included: coed volleyball, croquet, three legged race, blind ball retrieval and tug-of-war. The overall winners that were documented at the time were the Maintenance Department in coed volleyball and the champion Tug-of-War team consisted of Natalie Ponkilla, Misty Tiller, Darrell Larney and Randy Edge. The AST Employee Committee will be planning on different activities and events in the next few months. The current officers are Chairman, Andy Warrior; Vice-Chair, Vacant; Secretary, Ben Little and Treasurer, Ashley Ketakea. The AST Employee Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the conference room of the Treasurer's building. All employees are welcome to attend and bring their ideas, suggestion and/or concerns to the meeting or to one of the officers. The next "big" event coming up will be the Corporate Cup Challenge as well as a possible softball game with our sister tribal nations. To all of the AST employees, continue to keep up the good work! Thanks for your commitment in what you're doing and the difference you're making!



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Scott Miller 165 Votes

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Resolution: AST-GC-2009-1, The Salary Ordinance and hereby approving and establishing the base salary and compensation policy for the Executive Committee.



YES, I Approve 142 Votes

NO, I Oppose 215 Votes



Governor George Blanchard



**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REALTY DEPARTMENT**



**FRIDAY JULY 10, 2009
LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

In a joint venture Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) and the Realty Department will conduct a free will clinic at the Little Axe Resource Center. OILS will be available on-site to assist with questions and the preparations of a Last Will and Testament for Tribal members **ONLY**.

Appointments will be in 45 minute increments, sign in 15 minutes before scheduled time with the following items;

1. **A drivers' license or state ID**
2. **A tribal ID card with enrollment number**
3. **Ownership information or quarterly statement from OST**
4. **Legal descriptions for each of your real property holdings**
5. **If you wish to specifically bequest personal property, please bring a good description of that personal property. (Jewelry, furniture, etc.)**
6. **Bring your existing will, if you have one or wish to revise your existing will**
7. **Date of birth for your children or devisees**

Please call Jamie Gipp at 275-4030, ext 125 to schedule your appointment

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS AS OF June/2009

BUILDING BLOCKS

-Part-Time Teacher

COURT/LEGAL/POLICE

-Supreme Court Tribal Judge

FINANCE

-Controller

GAMING COMMISSION

-Surveillance Operator

-Surveillance Technician

HEALTH

-Part-Time Registered Dietitian

-REACH Coordinator

ICW

-Indian Child Welfare Director

SELF-GOVERNANCE

-Self-Governance Director

Job descriptions will be available online:

<http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html>

If you have any questions about the job positions and their job descriptions you can also contact Natalie in the Human Resources Department at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at: (405)275-4030 ext. 170

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

of
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK
1900 hours



CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1916 hours by Commander Frank Tiger. The meeting was adjourned by Commander Tiger at approximately 2023 hours.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commander Tiger called the meeting to order at approximately 1916 hours.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Chaplain Don Schulenberg.

PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Executive Officer David Voyles.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE VETERANS CREED:

The Creed was led by Operations Officer Esteline Schulenberg.

ATTENDANCE (14):

OFFICERS (6): MEMBERS (7):

Commander: Frank Tiger	David Haskins
Executive Officer: David Voyles	Richard Birdtail
Operations Officer: Esteline Schulenberg	Mary Birdtail
First Sergeant: Lewis Snake	David Little Jr.
Administrative Officer: John Vanderburg	Roy Charley
Chaplain: Don Schulenberg	Stella Little
	Kay Snake

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS (1):

John Marler

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

David Haskins introduced his father-in-law John Marler, a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient, to the membership. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The voting on the minutes of May13, 2009 was tabled due to no Tribal paper being released for the month of May.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

A motion to approve the financial report of June 10, 2009 was made by Don Schulenberg, seconded by David Little and approved by majority vote.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Executive Officer's Report (1934): Executive Officer David Voyles passed around a updated design he has been working on for the organization's coin.

Officer Voyles asked the membership if they would like the date in which the organization was established to be placed on the coin's front side.

After discussion of the membership, Officer Voyles made a motion to add the date the date in which the association was established and accept the updated coin design and to go forward with the printing of the coins. The motion was seconded by Lewis Snake and passed by majority vote.

Operations Officer's Report: Operations Officer Esteline Schulenberg reminded the membership if the upcoming Tinker Inter-Tribal Council Pow-Wow on Saturday, June 13th, which the Tribal Elder's are Co-Host to the event.

Officer Schulenberg also mentioned that she participated in the Red Earth Run/Walk. Officer Schulenberg was the only representative from the veterans association to participate in the event.

1st Sergeant's Report: 1st Sergeant Lewis Snake proposed the association changing the title of Administrations Officer to Public Information Officer and the title of First Sergeant to Sergeant Major. After discussion, a motion was given by Don to leave the current title as they are. The motion was seconded by Roy Charley and passed by majority vote.

Administrative Officer's Report:

Checking Account: \$179.62

"Coffee Can" Account: \$200.25

Current Active Membership: 17

May's Meeting Attendance: 14

Meeting Average: 14.1

Officer Vanderburg reported, "As I've mentioned over the last two or three meetings, the Moving Wall - a replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. - will be making its way to Woodland/Veterans Park in Shawnee from August 20th thru 24th.

Officer Vanderburg stated, "The Red Earth parade went great! We had 25 total that rode or came to show support to include: Governor Miller, Secretary Lopez, Representative Onzawah and State Representative Shane Jett.

Officer Vanderburg stated, "Our Fireworks Stand will be opening on Monday, June 29th and we are still in need of volunteers to work the stand. I will be there from 12 to 4:30 on that Monday, Wednesday and Friday but we still need workers for that Tuesday, Thursday and each evening."

Chaplain's Report.

No report given.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS/SPECIAL SPEAKER:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Don Schulenberg, who is the State Membership Chairman for the American Legion, spoke about the plans for the Veterans Association's interest in starting its own American Legion post. Don stated, "If we're going to do this, now's the time to do it. We the applications turned in of all those interested and we need to set the fee level for membership. You can have a minimum of 15 members to start a post."

After discussion, it is suggested that \$35 be the yearly membership fee for members of the post.

A motion was made by John Marler to make \$35 the dues for membership in the Tribal American legion post. The motion was seconded by David Little and passed by majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

All new business was discussed in the officer's reports.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (next meeting, etc.):

The next membership meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at Thunderbird Casino (far South end) 15700 S. Highway 9, Norman, OK. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The AST Veterans Department office is located at the Tribal Complex, in The Governor's building (Building #2), 2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801, in office #103.

BENEDICTION:

The benediction was led by Chaplain Schulenberg.

ADJOURNMENT (2023):

The meeting was adjourned by benediction.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE VETERANS ASSOCIATION



WHO: Any Absentee Shawnee Tribal member and/or spouse of a Tribal member who has honorably served or is serving in the United States Military. ANY veteran who has honorably served in the U.S. Military is welcome to attend. We welcome you to become a part of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Veterans Association!!!

WHAT: Monthly membership meeting

WHEN: *Wednesday, July 8, 2009 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Thunderbird Casino (far South end) 15700 East Highway 9, Norman, OK 73026

POC: For more information you may contact John Vanderburg, Absentee Shawnee Tribal Veterans Coordinator, at:
(405) 275-4030 ext. 205. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex, Building #2, Office #103, 2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801.

*The AST Veterans Association meets on the second Wednesday of every month

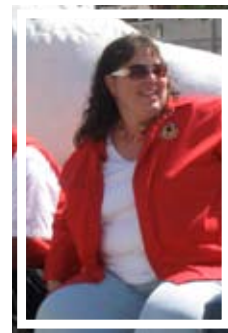
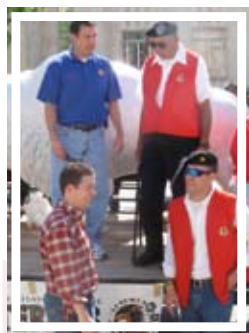


Veterans Ride in Red Earth Parade

The Veterans and Tribe were well represented and well supported, as twenty-five showed up, some to watch and others to participate, for the 23rd Annual Red Earth Parade. The Tribal Executive Committee members all received special invitations to ride along with the group and those who attended were Governor Scott Miller, Secretary Michelle Lopez and Representative Alecia Onzawah. State Representative Shane Jett also took time out of his busy schedule to attend. Representative Jett is also an Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves, a member of the Cherokee Nation and an honorary member of the AST Veterans Association. Another special guest that rode with the group was Specialist Matt Wilmoth he is a member of the 45th Infantry Division and Veteran of Current war. Matt is also the husband of Tribal Attorney Alyssa Campbell.

The veterans received many ovations and cheers as they made their way through the parade route, escorted by the brand new AST Police K-9 Unit, driven by Veterans Association Executive Officer and Tribal Reserve Officer, David Voyles.

Much thanks to: the Executive Committee members, who took time out of their busy schedules to support the veterans, the Tribal Maintenance Department who provided the truck and trailer and Maintenance Specialists Cecil Walker and Alex Blanchard for all of their work to make this experience possible, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Amy Hilderbrand and the Tribal Media Department for taking pictures, the Tribal Police Department for providing the police cruiser that escorted the Veterans through the parade and last but definitely not least – all of the Veterans who rode because with out their sacrifice, for this country, opportunities like this would not be possible. Remember, "Freedom isn't free, our freedom is a result of others sacrifices."



**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS
APRIL 2009**

E-AS-09-27 04/15/09

Authorizes the Treasurer's Office and Finance Department to establish a bank account at BancFirst titled "AST Joint Venture Construction Project" with the dual signature requirements and authorized signatories being the same as other Tribal bank accounts; the account being for the purpose of depositing and holding funds to be used for construction Joint Venture Health Care Clinic, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.** Vote: 4-0-0

E-AS-09-28 04/15/09

Approves and authorizes the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative, Controller, Assistant Controller and Enrollment Director listed on attachment "A", to conduct business with the Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, effective immediately. (Attachment) Vote: 3-0-1

E-AS-09-29 04/15/09

Approves and accepts Ethan Shawn Ferrell and Dawson Wayne Roach as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution. Vote: 4-0-0

E-AS-09-30 04/15/09

Rejects the application of Ryan Kyle Davis for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Insufficient Blood Degree. Vote: 4-0-0

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS
MAY 2009**

E-AS-09-31 05/04/09

Resolve and make assurances that the Family Services Department of the Tribe has the authority to submit an application on behalf of the Tribe to administer programs and activities funded under this program. (Approves submission of an application to the Administration for Children and Families (ACYF) for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program.) Vote: 2-0-0

E-AS-09-32 05/14/09

Authorizes the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to establish the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Rural Fire Department.

FURTHER that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the BIA. Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-33 05/14/09

Authorizes the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to establish a Wildland Fire Fighting Program.

FURTHER that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the BIA. Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-34 05/14/09

Authorizing and approving the formation and operation of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Fire Department and adopting the organizational chart, attached and incorporated as Exhibit "A" effective immediately, which supersedes all previous organizational charts. (Also places HR under the Executive Committee.) Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-35 05/14/09

Authorizes the pursuit and acceptance of funding in the amount of \$79,406.00 through the Department of Energy's First Step toward Tribal Weatherization – Human capacity grant. The result will be the establishment of an energy/weatherization program and continued employment of a tribal weatherization specialist using the grant monies for program initialization to include funding the position, duties, and training to be assigned through the Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, **Effective immediately.** Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-36 05/27/09

Authorizes and approves the payment to no more than three (3) Commission Alternates in the same amount as Commission members for attendance at meetings and work on elections. Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-37 05/27/09

Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Alan Roy Kaseca, provided that he is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation. Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-38 05/27/09

Authorizes the request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the funds in the total amount presently in the estate account in the name of Esther Ruth Ellis, Deceased, be returned to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for use in education, health, economic, and related programs which will benefit the entire tribe. Vote: 3-0-0

L-AS-09-06 5/27/09

Amends the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Code of Laws, Civil Procedure Chapter Nine with the addition of Section 913. Civil Forfeiture Act as attached, including index and insertion samples, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.** (Attachment) Vote: 3-0-0

L-AS-09-07 5/27/09

Establishes the Tribal Right to Work Law as a part of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Code of Law, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution. Vote: 3-0-0

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS
JUNE 2009**

E-AS-09-39 06/01/09

Supporting the Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the S.T.O.P. Domestic Violence grant to be submitted by the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department in effort to cohesively address the issue domestic violence,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution. Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-40 06/12/09

Authorizes the incorporation of a tribal non-profit entity to be titled the "Absentee Shawnee Training Institute (ASTI)" including the approval of the organizational by-laws (attached) and appointing the initial board as listed on the Articles of Incorporation. Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-41 06/12/09
 Authorizes and creates both a "Revenue -Absentee Shawnee Training Institute and an Expense line for Absentee Shawnee Training Institute (ASTI) be added to the General Fund budget, effective immediately. Vote: 3-0-0

E-AS-09-42 06/17/09
 Approves and accepts Carlito Cruz Tapia as an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution. Vote: 4-0-0

E-AS-09-43 06/17/09
 Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Eva Alyce Grass, provided she is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation. Vote: 3-0-1

E-AS-09-44 06/17/09
 Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Lilly Elizabeth Grass, provided she is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation. Vote: 3-0-1

E-AS-09-45 06/17/09
 Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Matthew Scyrus Grass, provided he is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation. Vote: 4-0-0

E-AS-09-46 06/17/09
 Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Kalub Wayne Grass, provided he is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation. Vote: 4-0-0

E-AS-09-47 06/17/09
 Directs the Secretary of Interior, or his designated representative to authorize the Governor to enter into an Inter-local agreement with Cleveland County for the purpose of re-constructing the Buckhead Creek bridge and obligating funds received by the tribe through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to carry out this project. Vote: 4-0-0

E-AS-09-48 06/17/09
 Supports the Employee Committee by waiving all taxes, permits and any other provisions requiring a return to the Tribe under the Tax Code and associated with this agreement with Firecracker Joe's by the Employee Committee. (Attachment) Vote: 3-1-0

E-AS-09-49 06/17/09
 Makes certain assurances in connection with the application for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (24 CFR 1003) (Recovery Act Funded FY 2009) and to make a twenty-five percent (25%) matching share of the grant as the Tribes leveraged finding for one annual term. Vote: 4-0-0



FY-2008
 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
 (thru 5/31/2009)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF COLLECTIONS
Sales (6%)	\$13,683.19	\$13,201.74	\$6,070.96	\$9,073.01	\$3,992.80	\$46,021.70	6.35%
Gaming % of free cash	\$85,000.00	\$116,114.00	\$125,239.00	\$181,743.00	\$60,000.00	\$568,096.00	78.33%
Employee (1%)	\$13,066.41	\$8,309.81	\$7,358.43	\$7,538.09	\$7,456.64	\$43,729.38	6.03%
Severance (8%)	\$1,763.38	\$909.99	\$3,161.33	\$2,199.15	\$1,722.03	\$9,755.88	1.35%
Motor Vehicle	\$8,776.01	\$11,549.23	\$13,846.53	\$11,626.00	\$9,899.95	\$55,697.72	7.68%
TOTAL TAXES	\$122,288.99	\$150,084.77	\$155,676.25	\$212,179.25	\$83,071.42	\$723,300.68	
Miscellaneous	\$1,009.92	\$355.38	\$275.00	\$190.00	\$117.50	\$1,947.80	0.27%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$123,298.91	\$150,440.15	\$155,951.25	\$212,369.25	\$83,188.92	\$725,248.48	100%

Wi Si Ka To Wi Wellness Facility

Located on the campus of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal headquarters the *Wi Si Ka To Wi* Wellness Center is a exercise facility offering:

- *Life Fitness* equipment, including dumbbells, 3 treadmills, 2 exercise bikes, 2 Elliptical Cross-Trainers, 1 abdominal bench, 1 *SciFit* Upper body rotary cycle, and a dual adjustable cable machine.
- Performance area for fitness training.
- 2 Plasma screen televisions
- 28 individual lockers.
- Certified training staff.

To gain access to *Wi Si Ka To Wi*, use the south-east door of Bldg 17. To qualify for membership of the *Wi Si Ka To Wi* Wellness Facility, persons must be in the Health Heart program, an AST employee or household member, citizen of a federally recognized tribe and complete an intake form. There is no cost to membership. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 878-4702.

Wi Si Ka To Wi Hours

Monday -Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday 7:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2009 Red Earth Run/Walk

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Healthy Heart Program participated in the 2009 Red Earth 5K Run & 2K Walk. The event was held at Oklahoma City's Regatta Park. The Healthy Heart Program entered 2 runners and 23 walkers.

The Healthy Heart program introduced an event titled "Walk the Earth". "Walk the Earth" promoted physical activity to prepare Healthy Heart participants for the Red Earth Event. "Walk the Earth" recruited the family members of Healthy Heart participants for exercise support and motivation.

Program requirements of "Walk the Earth" were walking up to 3 times per week for at least 30 minutes at either the Little Axe Resource center or the *Wi Si Ka To Wi* Wellness Facility in Shawnee. Pedometer use was encouraged for participants not able to make it to the wellness facilities.

All participants received a 2009 Red Earth T-shirt and a day pass to the Red Earth Festival. Our department looks forward in participating in the 2010 Red Earth Run. For more information of becoming a part of the Healthy Heart Program, please call 360-0698 and ask for Randi.



Here are some tips on how to manage the heat.

The risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke rises along with the temperature and humidity. Heat illnesses occur when the body's cooling mechanism becomes overloaded. When the heat starts to rise - slow down. Regardless of your activity level, drink more fluids - your body needs water to prevent dehydration during warm summer days. Stay away from liquids containing caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar. Stay indoors or in shaded locations; wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing; and limit your outdoor activity to morning or evening hours when it is cooler outside.

Signals of Heat Emergencies

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop well after dehydration occurs. Those most prone to heat exhaustion include the elderly, those with high blood pressure, and children. Some symptoms of heat exhaustion include: cool, moist, pale or flushed skin; muscle cramps; heavy perspiring; nausea and sometimes vomiting; weakness; dizziness; dry mouth; and a headache.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening situation. It occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. Heat stroke can occur within 10-15 minutes of the first symptoms. Signs of heat stroke include: very high body temperature (above 103 degrees); hot, dry, red skin; no sweating; nausea; dizziness; confusion, disorientation, hallucinations; or loss of consciousness.

Treatment of Heat Emergencies

If you feel you are suffering from heat exhaustion, it is important to get out of the sun and into a cool place; loosen clothing; drink water/fluids (be sure to avoid caffeine and alcoholic beverages); take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath; and rest.

Heat Stroke is a medical emergency - have someone call for immediate medical assistance while you begin cooling the victim. Get the person to a shaded area; cool him/her rapidly using whatever methods you can (immerse in a tub of cool water, place in a cold shower, spray with cool water from a garden hose); do not give fluids; if convulsions occur, keep the victim from injuring himself; call the hospital emergency room for further instructions if medical assistance is delayed in responding.

So remember to be careful during hot weather and drink plenty of water!

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

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Office of Environmental Health & Engineering



Are You an OG&E Customer?

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

<u>Household</u>	<u>Max Monthly</u>
<u>Size</u>	<u>Income</u>
1	\$1,301
2	\$1,751
3	\$2,201
4	\$2,651
5	\$3,101
6	\$3,551
7	\$4,001
8	\$4,451

Our office has teamed up with OG&E to assist tribal members in weatherizing their home which includes insulation, storm doors, windows, etc. To qualify, you must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal member, be a customer of OG&E, live within our tri-county area (Pottawatomie, Cleveland, and Oklahoma Counties) and be below our Gross Maximum Monthly Income Level.

Please call our office if you think you may qualify for this program.

What you need to do:

- Complete Application
- Bring AST enrollment card
- Bring current OG&E bill
- Bring most recent 2 pay stubs

INTRODUCING ASTI

The Primary Goal of ASTI is to support its mission through the sharing and provision of educational and training services and opportunities with the tribe, neighboring non-tribal communities, fellow tribal governments, and tribal organizations on a cost recovery basis as a means of generating the resources and technical capacity needed within the tribal community.

The mission of ASTI is as follows:

It is the Mission of the Absentee Shawnee Training Institute to support the expression of the inherent sovereignty of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma through support and provision of resources to assist with tribal environmental protection, cultural enrichment, community education, and tribal technical capacity development. These areas of concern being recognized as basic needs integral to the betterment of the health and welfare of the Shawnee people.

Organizational motto:

Training Today for the Needs of Tomorrow

The board of Directors are all volunteers, serving without pay and are as follows:

David Voyles, Chairperson

Troy Little Axe, Vice Chairperson

Briana Ponkilla, Treasurer

Chris Little, Secretary

Tresha Spoon, At large

John Johnson, ASEDA representative on the board as a non-voting member

I, Renee Hood, was named as Executive Director by the ASTI Board (again - part of my existing job - no additional pay) and the ASTI is physically located at 40206 Benson Park Road (OEP Offices).

The officers installed were Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer, which was a quorum so several resolutions could be made that were time sensitive. The other members who were unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict will be installed at the next meeting. The meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month.

We are very hopeful that ASTI will prove to be a viable way of generating funding for tribal education and environmental protection efforts.

For those tribal programs that have funding in their programs for staff training on specific topics, please consider contacting ASTI. We will be available to coordinate most types of training for you on a cost recovery basis so instead of paying an outside entity for the training, you could contract with ASTI which will then turn any costs in excess of the provision cost back to tribal causes. Currently, we are already able to provide a wide variety of training on health and safety, grant writing, and many other topics. If we cannot provide it for you, we will help you find someone who can do it for you onsite. In the future, we hope to be able to provide courses on professional business skills, grants management, career preparedness, and any other topic of use to the community or employees we serve.

If your organization has found a need for training that we haven't referenced, let us know and we will see if it is an area we can develop a program for inhouse.

Contact numbers for ASTI are the same as for OEP, Telephone 405-273-9966 or I can be reached by cell at 405-618-0711, please specify if you are calling in reference to ASTI or OEP business.

ASTI



Governor Scott Miller with Briana Ponkilla



Governor Scott Miller with David Voyles



Governor Scott Miller with Chris Little

Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

Academic (K-12) Program: assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses.

Zahn Program: established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates.

Job Training Adult Education Program: funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions.

Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program: funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university.

Graduate Scholarship Program: funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test.

Attention:

If you are interested in taking any courses for the fall 2009 semester contact the Education Department as soon as possible to request the appropriate guidelines and application. Deadline for submitting applications for the Education Incentive Award Program is July 31, 2009. Please remember all programs are first come, first served and based upon the availability of funds.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks II construction is progressing nicely. It is on schedule to be completed by mid to late August. The new child care facility will be located on the tribal complex. We are currently accepting applications for the waiting list of children. Waiting list applications can be picked up at Building Blocks I located at 4000 N. Kickapoo. Employment applications are also being taken for staff of the child care center. These can be accessed at www.as-tribe.com, obtained from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, or from Building Blocks. For more information, contact Donna Campbell at 878-0633.



Cultural Preservation Department

The Cultural Preservation Department of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is in the process of creating a Language Advisory Council to help in the process of creating a curriculum to continue teaching the Shawnee Language to interested individuals of the tribe. This advisory council will be the cornerstone in creating the means to teach, finding the resources to accommodate and promote the urgency to maintain the most important element that make-up our tribal identity.

This council will have three (3) positions in which to fill with dedicated tribal members. Any one interested please submit the following to the Cultural Preservation Department:

Name

Address

Phone Number

Write a summary about what you could offer to this council

Please take time to consider applying for or encouraging someone you know that could be beneficial for this program.



Behavioral Health's Intensive Outpatient Program

IOP is an outpatient drug and alcohol treatment program that is more intense than attending treatment merely once or twice a week. Interviews and assessments will be used to help determine the appropriate level of care. To schedule an appointment please call 878-4716.



Absentee Shawnee Tribe will be closed on July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day. Meals will not be served or delivered on this day.

AARP will have a spokesperson to inform the Elders on their benefits on July 2, 2009 at the Little Axe Resource Center at 11:30 pm and we will also be having Bingo after the AARP presentation.


During the summer days we would like for you to take care of yourself and drink plenty of water.



2% milk served daily

July 2009

menu subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Chili Crackers Chez Sticks Carrots/Pears	Cheeseburger Lett. & Tom. Pot. Salad Chips Fruit Tray	AST CLOSED	Independence Day
	BBQ Smoked Sausage SweetPot. Pea Bread/Peaches	Egg Roll Stir Fry Rice Steamed Veggies Salad Bar Fortune Cookie	Navy Beans w/Ham Okra Skillot Bread Muffin	Chicken Fry Steak Sandwich Lett. Tom Waffle Fries Blackberry Cob.	Bacon Eggs Biscuit Fruit	
	Baked Fried Chicken Pot. Salad Pork n Beans Roll/Yogurt	Meat Gravy Rice Mixed Veggies Rolls/Salad Bar Fruit Jell-O	Stew Crackers Chez Sticks Sliced Apples	Veggies Soup Tuna Sandwich Crackers Cookies	Cereal Biscuit Gravy Fruit	
	Soft Taco Refried Beans Chips/Salsa Pineapples	Goulash Bread Sticks Corn Salad Bar Pecan Pie	Grilled Chicken Salad Tom, Boiled Eggs Cracker Ice Cream	Steak fingers Mashed Pot./Gravy Zucchini Roll/Peach Crisp	Meat Gravy Biscuit Juice	NOT GOING TO BE NONE
	BBQ Pulled Pork Mac. Salad Chips/Mandarin Oranges	Fish Hushpuppies Coleslaw Salad Bar Pie	Enchilada Casserole Mexicorn Refried Rice Pineapple	Hot Dog Fixings Tator Tots Fruit Jell-O	Boiled Egg Toast Cottage Cheese Peaches	CALL US AT 405-275-4030 EXT. 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

• Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program
- Pest Control Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.atribe.com.
Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 275-4030



Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic
15702 E. Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the 3rd Wednesday of each month
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
AST Media Dept	Fax (405) 598-1294